**Subject: Public Comment: Siskiyou County Representation** 

**Date:** Saturday, May 21, 2011 11:34 AM

From: Brandon A. Criss <

To: <

**Conversation:** Public Comment: Siskiyou County Representation

From: Brandon A. Criss < Subject: Siskiyou County Representation

Message Body:
Dear Commissioners,

This letter is regarding the redistricting impact on Siskiyou County

I earned a Masters' Degree in Public Administration in 2008 and my Masters' Thesis regarded the drawing of Legislative District boundaries and its impact on rural representation.

If Siskiyou County were added to a coastal strip of counties in redistricting, this would dilute and negatively impact Siskiyou County's voice in the California state legislature.

When Siskiyou County was under State Senator Randolph Collier it was connected to Del Norte County and it was only with Del Norte County. It was not an addition to several coastal counties. This guaranteed fairer representation to both counties. But connecting Siskiyou with several coastal counties with different political ideologies and economic bases dilutes Siskiyou's voice.

I urge you to place Siskiyou County in legislative districts along I-5 with our rural neighbors with similar concerns and issues. Mainly and importantly Water Issues.

Sincerely, Brandon A. Criss Siskiyou County

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission